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Filed : April 12, 2004

For : ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR HAVING A GROUND PLANE WITH INDEPENDENTLY CONFIGURABLE CONTACTS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page of this paper.

☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims

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